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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation and funding of home school  
2 assistance programs provided by school districts.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (5), Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (5) Resident pupils receiving competent private instruction  
5 from a licensed practitioner provided through a public  
6 school district pursuant to chapter 299A shall be counted as  
7 three-tenths of one pupil. Revenues received by a school  
8 district attributed to a school district's weighted enrollment  
9 pursuant to this paragraph shall be expended for the purpose  
10 for which the weighting was assigned under this paragraph. If  
11 the school district determines that the expenditures associated  
12 with providing competent private instruction pursuant to  
13 chapter 299A are in excess of the revenue attributed to the  
14 school district's weighted enrollment for such instruction in  
15 accordance with this subparagraph, the school district may  
16 submit a request to the school budget review committee for  
17 modified allowable growth in accordance with section 257.31,  
18 subsection 5, paragraph "n". ~~A home school assistance program~~  
19 ~~shall not provide moneys~~ Moneys received pursuant to this  
20 subparagraph, ~~nor resources paid for with moneys received~~  
21 ~~pursuant to this subparagraph, to parents or students utilizing~~  
22 ~~the program~~ shall be used as provided in section 299A.12.

23 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **299A.12 Home school assistance**  
24 **program.**

25 1. The board of directors of a school district may expend  
26 moneys received pursuant to section 257.6, subsection 1,  
27 paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), for purposes of providing a  
28 home school assistance program to provide instruction outside  
29 the basic educational program provided to regularly enrolled  
30 students by the school district.

31 2. Purposes for which a school district may expend funds  
32 received pursuant to section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph  
33 "a", subparagraph (5), shall include but not be limited to the  
34 following:

35 a. Instruction and assisting parents with instruction.

1     *b.* Student and teaching-parent support services and staff  
2 support services.

3     *c.* Salary and benefits for the supervising teacher of  
4 the home school assistance program students. If the teacher  
5 is a part-time home school assistance program teacher and a  
6 part-time regular classroom teacher, funds received pursuant to  
7 section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5),  
8 may be used only for the portion of time in which the teacher is  
9 a home school assistance program teacher.

10    *d.* Salary and benefits for clerical, office, and  
11 administrative staff of the home school assistance program. If  
12 the staff members are shared with other programs or functions  
13 within the district, funds received pursuant to section 257.6,  
14 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), shall only  
15 be expended for the portion of time spent providing the home  
16 school assistance program services.

17    *e.* Staff development for the home school assistance program  
18 teacher.

19    *f.* Travel for the home school assistance program teacher.

20    *g.* Resources, materials, software, and supplies, and  
21 purchased services that meet the following criteria:

22       (1) Are necessary to provide the services of home school  
23 assistance.

24       (2) Are retained as the possessions of the school district  
25 for its prekindergarten through grade twelve home school  
26 assistance program.

27    3. Purposes for which a school district shall not expend  
28 funds received pursuant to section 257.6, subsection 1,  
29 paragraph "a", subparagraph (5) include but are not limited to  
30 the following:

31       *a.* Indirect costs or use charges.

32       *b.* Operational or maintenance costs in addition to the cost  
33 of maintaining school district facilities.

34       *c.* Capital expenditures other than equipment or facility  
35 acquisition or lease expenditures.

1     *d.* Student transportation except in cases of home school  
2 assistance program-approved field trips or other educational  
3 activities.

4 e. Administrative costs other than the cost of employing an  
5 administrator for the home school assistance program.

6     *f.* Dual enrollment program costs and postsecondary  
7 enrollment options program costs.

8       g. Any other expenditures not directly related to providing  
9 the home school assistance program. A home school assistance  
10 program shall not provide moneys to parents or students  
11 utilizing the program.

### EXPLANATION

13 This bill codifies language adopted by rule by the state  
14 board of education relating to home school assistance programs,  
15 but the bill makes changes relating to the purposes for which  
16 state school aid can and cannot be expended.

17 The bill permits school districts to establish a home school  
18 assistance program for a specific category of students that  
19 is provided outside the basic educational program provided to  
20 students who are regularly enrolled in the school district.

21 School districts currently may count a student utilizing a  
22 home school assistance program as three-tenths of one pupil.  
23 The bill specifies the purposes for which school districts may  
24 expend from the funds received from that weighting, and the  
25 purposes for which school districts cannot use the funds.

26 Under the bill, funds may be used for assisting parents  
27 with instruction; teaching-parent support services; salary  
28 and benefits for a supervising teacher; salary and benefits  
29 for clerical, office, and administrative staff of the  
30 home school assistance program; and necessary resources,  
31 materials, software, and supplies, and purchased services  
32 for prekindergarten home school assistance programs if the  
33 resources are retained by the school district.

34 Under the bill, funds cannot be expended for certain  
35 capital expenditures, student transportation for other than

1 educational enrichment, and administrative costs other than an  
2 administrator employed by the school district to administer  
3 the program. The bill does not codify language currently in  
4 rule that prohibits the provision of resources paid for with  
5 state school aid to parents or students utilizing a home school  
6 assistance program.